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In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/870,442

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For: METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE HIGH  
AND LOW SHEAR RHEOLOGY OF  
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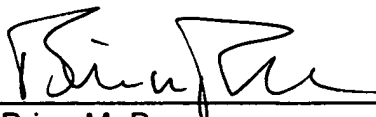
Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to reply to the  
Office Action of October 25, 2002. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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